

funds from being used for the Catfish Pathogen Genomic Project in Auburn, Alabama (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 357 noes, Roll No. 809);

Pages H9631–33, H9639, H9645–46

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for grape genetics research in Geneva, New York (by a recorded vote of 76 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 810);

Pages H9633–34, H9639, H9646

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Alternative Uses of Tobacco (MD) grant (by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 811);

Pages H9634–35, H9639, H9646–47

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Ruminant Nutrition Consortium of MT, ND, SD, and WY (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 355 noes, Roll No. 812); and

Pages H9635–37, H9639, H9647–48

Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Wood Utilization (OR, MS, NC, MN, ME, MI, ID, TN, AK, WV) grant (by a recorded vote of 68 ayes to 363 noes, Roll No. 813).

Pages H9637–39, H9648–49

H. Res. 599, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 800, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 799).

Pages H9579–88, H9589–91

Moment of Silence: The Committee of the Whole observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the bridge collapse in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 1st.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 a.m. on Friday, August 3rd.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9565 and H9618.

Senate Referrals: S. 845 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H9658.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9562–63, H9563, H9564, H9564–65, H9577–78, H9578–79, H9579, H9588–89, H9590–91, H9591, H9604–05, H9605–06, H9641, H9642, H9642–43, H9643–44, H9644, H9644–45, H9645–46, H9646, H9646–47,

H9647–48, H9648–49, H9650, H9651, and H9651–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and at 8:46 a.m. on Friday, August 3rd.

Committee Meetings

MARINE CORPS NEXT OF KIN NOTIFICATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to follow up on the notification of family members of next of kin of deceased and wounded process for the Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from GEN Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Department of Defense.

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA BUDGET EFFECTS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: What will be the long-term effect on the federal budget? Testimony was heard from Stanley Czerwinski, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Strategic Issues, GAO; Donald E. Powell, Federal Coordinator of Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Department of Homeland Security; and Reverend Donald Boutte, Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MERCURY EXPORT BAN ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1534, Mercury Export Ban Act of 2007.

U.S. AFRICA COMMAND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Africa Command: Opportunity for Enhanced Engagement or the Militarization of U.S.-Africa Relations." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Theresa M. Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Africa, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held an oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Election Assistance

Commission: Donetta Davidson, Chair; and Rosemary Rodriguez, Vice Chair; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H. R. 2740, amended, MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007; H.R. 1119, amended, Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007; and H.R. 1071, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act.

ENDANGERED SALMON PREDATION PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, held a hearing on H.R. 1769, Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird and Hastings of Washington; Bob Lohn, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Region, NOAA, Department of Commerce; John E. Reynolds, III, Chairman, Marine Mammal Commission; Guy Norman, Regional Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; Robin Brown, Marine Mammal Research Program Leader, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Oregon; and public witnesses

NATIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3094, National Park Centennial Fund Act; and H.R. 2959, National Park Centennial Challenge Fund Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Souder, Tiahrt and Baird; Mary A. Bomar, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 312, amended, Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2007; H.R. 928, amended, Improving Government Accountability Act; H. Res. 554, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Passport Month; H.R. 3106, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office;" H.R. 2778, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station;" H.R. 1054, amended, District of Columbia Legislative Autonomy Act of 2007; and H. Res. 544, Expressing the sympathy and pledging the support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused

severe flooding in 20 counties in eastern Kansas beginning on June 26, 2007.

FEDERAL COMPENSATION—BENEFITS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services, and the District of Columbia continued hearings on Federal Compensation, Part 2, Benefits. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tom Davis of Virginia; and Moran of Virginia; from the following officials of the OPM: Linda M. Springer; and Patrick McFarland, Inspector General; Gregory Long, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; the following Specialists in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Hinda Chaikind and Patrick Purcell; and public witnesses.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Disaster Planning and Recovery: Are We Ready for Another Katrina?" Testimony was heard from Paul Schneider, Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security; Lurita Doan, Administrator, GSA; the following officials of the Department of Defense: James I. Finley, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and LTG Robert Van Antwerp, USA, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Robert Henke, Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Steven Preston, Administrator, SBA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3246, amended, Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007; H.R. 3224, amended, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; H.R. 3247, amended, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Recovery Facilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 409, To amend title 23, United States Code, to inspect highway tunnels; H.R. 2671, To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse;" H.R. 2728, To designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr., and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station;" H. Res. 444, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft; H. Res. 549, Recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch program; H. Res. 592,

Supporting first responders in the United States in their efforts to prepare for and respond to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other manmade disasters, and affirming the goals and ideals of National First Responder Appreciation Day; and H.R. 3311, To authorize funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction.

COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Challenges Facing the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Program. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

CHINA TRADE SAFETY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Legislation Related to Trade with China. Testimony was heard from Senator Stabenow; Representatives Davis of Alabama; Hunter, Regula, Knollenberg, Visclosky, Stupak, Ryan of Ohio, Arcuri, and Braley of Iowa; David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark Sobel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Monetary and Financial Policy, Department of the Treasury; Daniel Brinza, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitor and Enforcement; Daniel Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY UPDATE ON IRAQ

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Community Update on Iraq. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—CIA NEW COUNTER TERRORISM ACTIVITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA new Counter Terrorism Activity. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MEDIA FREEDOM: OSCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine freedom of the media in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Nina Ognianova, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York, New York; Paula Schriefer, Freedom House, Washington, DC; and Fatima Tlisova, Karachay-Cherkess Republic.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1115)

H.J. Res. 44, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. Signed on August 1, 2007. (Public Law 110-52)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding the treatment of detainees, 8 a.m., SR-222.

House

Committee on House Administration, Election Task Force, to receive a GAO briefing on the status of the Investigation into the FL-13 Congressional District Contested Election, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, meeting to request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private bills, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.